

**REMARKS**

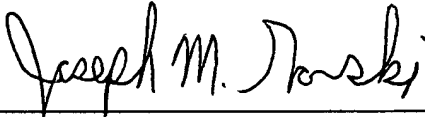
In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

By the current Amendment, all claims have been canceled except for allowed claims 98 and 99. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner believes that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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